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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).
2. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ikeda (US Patent No. 4,393,405) in view of Ozawa et al. (US Patent No. 6,839,045)

As to claim 1, Ikeda discloses a liquid crystal display (Fig. 1) comprising: thin film transistors (102) connected to intersections between a plurality of data lines (D1...Dn) and a plurality of gate lines (G1...Gm); pixel electrodes (e.g., top portion electrode of the LCD cell 104), each of which is connected to a source of each of the thin film transistors; common electrodes (e.g. bottom portion electrode of the LCD cell 104) opposed to the pixel electrodes; liquid crystal (104) injected between the pixel electrodes and the common electrodes. It is noted that Ikeda does not disclose a plurality of auxiliary gate lines corresponding to the gate lines, and first capacitors, each of which is connected between the source and each of the auxiliary gate lines.

Ozawa is cited to teach an active matrix flat panel display similar to Ikeda. Ozawa further discloses a plurality of auxiliary gate lines (e.g. cline line as shown in Fig. 2)

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corresponding to the gate lines (gate line shown in Fig. 2), and first capacitors (e.g. cap as shown in Fig. 2), each of which is connected between the source and each of the auxiliary gate lines (see Fig. 2). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have modified Ikeda with the features of the auxiliary gate lines as taught by Ozawa because the capacitor connected to the auxiliary gate line can maintain the pixel voltage even the transistor is turned "off" (see col. 9, lines 50-67).

As to claim 2, Ikeda as modified discloses a second capacitor 103) is connected between the source and each of the common electrodes (e.g. the capacitor 102 is connected to the common electrode of the pixel in the same common line as shown in Fig. 2).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 3 and 4 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The US 4,870,396, 4,928,095, 5,568,163, 5,923,310, 5,952,991, 6,064,360, and 2004/0012554 are cited to teach a liquid crystal display device.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to XIAO M. WU whose telephone number is 571-272-7761. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 am to 4:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RICHARD HJERPE, can be reached on 571-272-7691. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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March 19, 2006



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